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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR SPECIAL PRESENTATION OF BOOKS TO PAPUA
NEW GUINEA NATIONAL LIBRARY.

ATTN: IEA AND ICS.

1. PAPUA NEW GUINEA BECOMES AN INDEPENDENT NATION
SEPTEMBER 16, 1975. SOME APPROPRIATE GESTURE BY THE
UNITED STATES COMMEMORATING THIS EVEN WILL BE NECESSARY.
WE BELIEVE IT SHOULD BE ONE WHICH IS USEFUL, IN TERMS OF OUR
OBJECTIVES, AS WELL AS BEING APPROPRIATELY SYMBOLIC. THE
GOVERNMENT OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA IS IN THE PROCESS OF ESTABLISH-
ING A NATIONAL LIBRARY. LOCATED IN THE NATIONAL CAPITOL,
THIS LIBRARY WILL ESPECIALLY CATER TO THE NEEDS OF GOVERNMENT
AND POLITICAL LEADERS AS WELL AS SERVING RESEARCHERS,
ACADEMICIANS AND THE GENERAL READING PUBLIC.

THE AMCONGEN IN PORT MORESBY AND USIS CANBERRA REQUEST
USIA APPROVAL AND SUPPORT TO ESTABLISH A PERMANENT UNITED
STATES OF AMERICA COLLECTION, OF APPROXIMATELY ONE THOUSAND
TITLES, IN THE PNG NATIONAL LIBRARY. THIS COLLECTION SHOULD
INCLUDE BOOKS ON AMERICAN HISTORY, POLITICAL SCIENCE, ECONOMICS,
THE ARTS, EDUCATION AND U.S. SOCIETY. OF PARTICULAR
RELEVANCE IS THE U.S. EXPERIENCE WITH ABORIGINAL PEOPLE
AND THE AMERICANIZATION OF PEOPLES FROM WIDELY VARYING
CULTURES AND LANGUAGES.

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PNG'S INDEPENDENCE DATE OF SEPTEMBER 16 WAS SET JUST LAST WEEK. IN VIEW OF THE SHORT LEADTIME AVAILABLE, WE PROPOSE THAT ON THE DATE OF INDEPENDENCE THE OFFICIAL AMERICAN REPRESENTATIVE PRESENT A LETTER DESCRIBING THE COLLECTION AND ITS PURPOSE TOGETHER WITH ONE VOLUME APPROPRIATELY INSCRIBED. THIS VOLUME SHOULD BE SENT TO PORT MORESBY BY AIR. THE BALANCE OF THE COLLECTION COULD BE SHIPPED VIA SURFACE.

ESTABLISHING THIS COLLECTION WOULD EXCEED THE RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO USIS AUSTRALIA FOR BOOK PRESENTATION. THEREFORE, SPECIAL AGENCY SUPPORT IS REQUIRED IN THE FORM OF (1) BIBLIOGRAPHIC SERVICE IN DRAWING UP THE BEST TITLES FOR THIS 1,000 VOLUME "AMERICA" COLLECTION; (2) THE PURCHASE AND SHIPMENT DIRECT TO PORT MORESBY OF THE BOOKS; AND (3) AGENCY FUNDING OF THIS PROJECT WHICH IS BEYOND OUR FY'75 GOE AND ICS PRESENTATIONS ALLOCATIONS. THE ORDER COULD BE PLACED THIS FISCAL YEAR IF FY'75 FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE. THE AGENCY'S DECISION IS REQUESTED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO ENABLE PORT MORESBY TO PROCEED WITH ITS PLANNING FOR PNG INDEPENDENCE DAY.
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